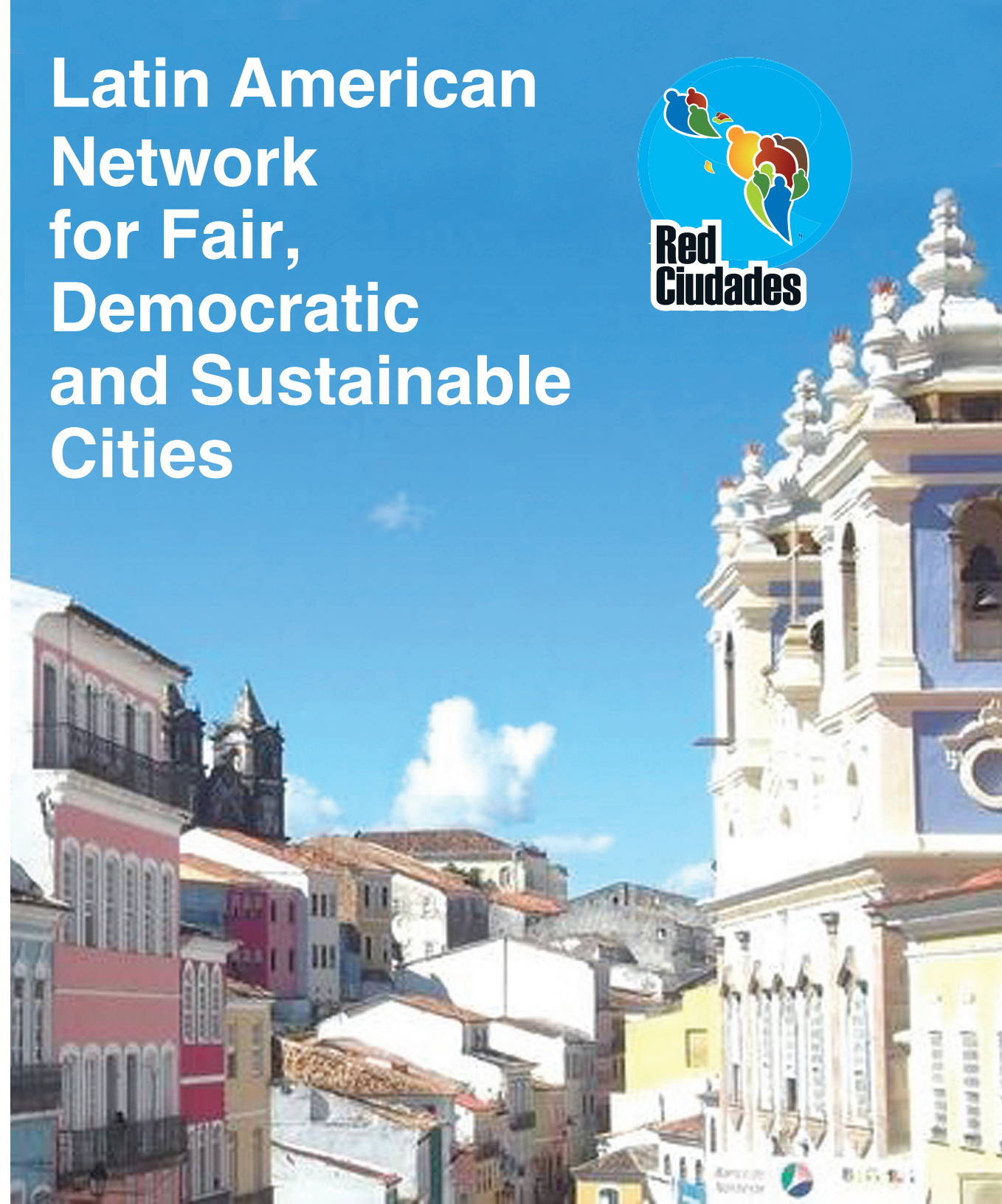


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BACKGROUND

More than half of the world's population and nearly 80 percent of Latin Americans live in cities.

Cities are undoubtedly one of the most complex human creations. They are places where density meets diversity, order meets chaos, innovation meets tradition, communication meets anonymity, and change meets inertia.

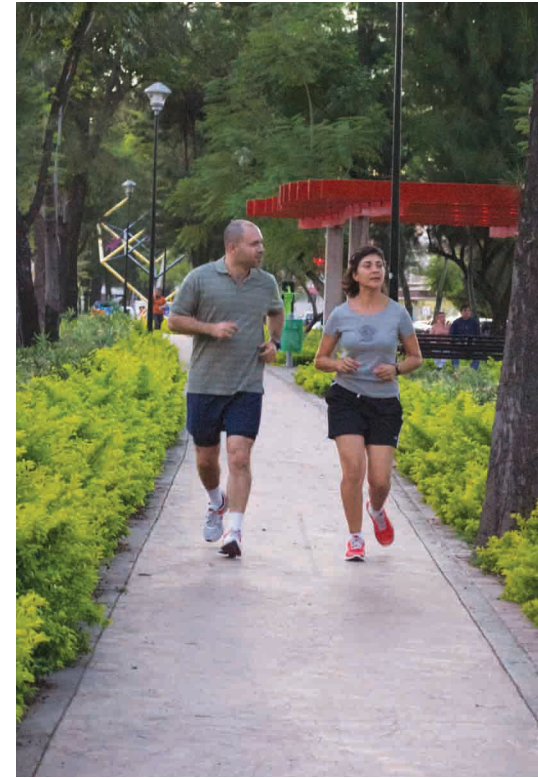
Members of the Latin American Network for Fair, Democratic and Sustainable Cities believe that the construction of better cities is possible. It requires participation, accountability and collective actions from the different sectors of our society.

Fair, Democratic and Sustainable cities are the ones that are capable of offering equal opportunities, and an equitable distribution of public goods and basic services along with human dignity and integral development. These are the bases to enhance citizenship participation to define the city's main decisions and provide balance between economic, political, social, cultural and environmen



tal conditions caring for the coming generations.

Latin American cities are linked by our shared realities such as: social injustice situations, lack of democracy, environmental degradation and unsustainable development practices. It is because of these realities that the network generates actions as an open space to gather social assets to address urban matters.



OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

The Network's actions are oriented and organized around the principles it upholds. Promoting decentralized practices and shared knowledge towards the construction of better urban spaces in Latin America, the Network works at three different levels: local, national and regional.

At these levels, partners' lines of actions:

- Monitoring indicators.
- Enhancing citizen participation.
- Pursuing incidence in public policies.
- Advocating the right to information access.
- Favoring dialogue with local governments and private sector.
- Developing of deliberation skills.
- Sharing knowledge and good practices.
- Promoting of new local initiatives.

Data are gathered and compared at the regional level in order to evaluate different thematic areas among our cities.



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“An invisible network thread connects those who are fated to meet, regardless of time, place or circumstance. The thread may stretch or tangle, but will never break and perhaps that’s how cooperation within people was born.”

Chinese red thread philosophy.



*The Colombian Network of Cities (Red Colombiana de Ciudades Cómo Vamos) is in the process of consultation their incorporation to the Latin American Network.

GOVERNANCE

The Network is an open space that gathers more than 70 citizen initiatives in 10 countries in Latin America in order to contribute with the realization of Fair Democratic and Sustainable cities. It also allows the interaction, exchange and coordination of these initiatives to strengthen them locally, and also to expand their scale and potential impact on the continent. In this sense, it aims to create a synergy between different initiatives to mutually reinforce them and at the same time accelerate the process of change in the region as a whole.



The Network is a non-partisan, civic-society initiative.

- 1.- It is open to organizations who agree with its mission, objectives and strategies.
- 2.- Its members organize and orientate their practices upon the principles they share.
- 3.- It is a democratic, decentralized space, that encourages self-organization by seeking to strengthen its various nodes, promotes horizontal decision making processes and cooperation.

These shared principles provide a framework for innovation, autonomy as well as synergies for enhancing the impact.

At the regional level the Network is organized through a collegiate group

integrated by national representatives (one at each country), who are the ones in charge of the Networks’ decision making in order to reach them at national and regional level.

Finally each member of the collegiate group is responsible for a task commission; they are also responsible of reaching out the different national networks and local initiatives.

Commission’s areas are:

Public Incidence	Knowledge Management	Institutional Development	Communication
Universities	Indicators	Strategic alliances	Media
Enterprises	Information platform system	Resource mobilization	Social networks
International Agendas	Learning capacity		
Branding			

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